





Cancer Facts for LGBTQ+ People

- The American Cancer Society estimates there could be approximately 163,000 new cancer cases and nearly 50,000 cancer deaths among LGBTQ+ people in 2025.
- Many LGBTQ+ people face barriers to cancer screening such as access to health care or fear of provider discrimination.
- Based on a 2023 survey, 58% of LGBTQ+ cancer patients and survivors are concerned about the political climate impacting their ability to get health care.
- 1/3 of LGBTQ+ people report that their healthcare provider never talked with them about cancer screening.
- LGBTQ+ people have a higher risk of cancer than heterosexual and cisgender people.
- Transgender patients may be more likely to be diagnosed with advanced stage lung cancer and less likely to receive treatment for kidney cancer, compared with cisgender patients.
- Lesbian and bisexual women have a higher risk for breast cancer.
- Gay and bisexual men have a higher risk of anal cancer, especially those who are HIV+.

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